

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF PORTS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government to allow private participation in development of minor/major ports in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Union Government would extend financial assistance for the development of ports in Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) Under the Indian Ports Act, 1908, while responsibility for the development of the major ports vests with the Central Government, the State Governments have overall jurisdiction on other ports and are responsible for their development. The Central Government has issued comprehensive guidelines for private sector participation in major ports. A number of private sector projects are already in operation and the Central Government continues to encourage the private sector to participate in projects for development of major ports including at New Mangalore Port which is the only major port in the State of Karnataka.

It is open for the Government of Karnataka to allow private sector participation in development of minor ports in the State.